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    The attached notes were supplied by Ted Szulc subsequent

to his testimony before the Select Committee and should be attached

to that testimony.

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Notes on TS conversation with JFK,
at White House — Nov. 9, 1961.

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TS invited by JFK at Bobby's suggestion after lunch at DOJ.
Meeting a bit over 1 hr. Dick Goodwin only person present.
Miss Lincoln next door. She brought in JFK pix he autographed
for Nikki/. JFK in rocker, TS and Goodwin on white sofa. JFK
wanted talk abt Cuba — continuing conversation of TS with RFK
and mainly kept asking questions. Also asked for suggestions and
recommendations. JFK knew I had been in Cuba in May with Tractors
and seen a lot of Castro. He asked questions about Fidel, what type
person he is, personally, politically, etc.. I told JFK of Castro's
remarks about JFK, that Castro thought tt despite Bay of Pigs, JFK
was the only American politician with whom he could deal in terms
of improved relations, etc... JFK asked about how strong Castro
regime is, etc.. whether new guerrilla operations by US would make
sense. He talked about the need of controlling CIA in some way so
that CIA wouldn't construct another operation like Bay of Pigs. Said
CIA was a problem in government he and Bobby wanted to deal with
it — I guess to control CIA better. Then, suddenly, Pres leaned
foward and asked me, "What would you think if I ordered Castro to
be assassinated ?" I sed this would be terrible idea because a)
it probably wouldn't do away with regime; on contrary it would
strengthen it, and b) I felt personally US had no business in
assassinations. JFK then said he was testing me, that he felt
the same way — he added "I'm glad you feel the same way" — because
indeed US morally must not be part to assassinations. JFK said he
raised question because he was under terrific pressure from advisers
(think he said intelligence people, but not positive) to okay a Castro
murder. Sed he was resisting pressures... Dick thinks this may have
to do with the Guantanamo thing we been hearing about. Navy ?
Meeting was little after 11 AM. First, RNG and TS waited in Fish
Room. Also, JFK sed something about setting up special group on
Cuba, to take new look at whole Cuban thing from all points of view.
No details. Didnt say if group would be at WH or where....

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